

United States Embassy, Dhaka, Bangladesh
Security Message for U.S. Citizens
Demonstration on Friday, December 08, 2017

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According to local sources, a demonstration is occurring on Friday afternoon in the vicinity of the Baitul Mukarrom National Mosque. The demonstration is reportedly in reaction to the recent announcement that the United States recognizes Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and plans to relocate the U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. The U.S. Embassy in Dhaka encourages U.S. citizens to exercise caution as demonstrations could continue to occur over the next several days.

A protest may or may not affect local transportation services, schools, shopping malls, and infrastructure. Extra caution and vigilance should be taken to avoid large crowds and protests. As always, be aware of your surroundings at all times. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. You should avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations.

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